



**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
EDELWEISS LODGE AND SPA CLUB ROOM
TAOS SKI VALLEY, NEW MEXICO**

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012 2:00 P.M.

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Neal King

COUNCIL:
Kathleen V. Bennett
J. Christopher Stagg
Barbara L. Wiard
Thomas P. Wittman

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:
Mark G. Fratrack

CLERK/TREASURER:
Vanessa N. Chisholm

I. CALL TO ORDER & NOTICE OF MEETING

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The notice of the meeting was properly posted.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor King, Councilors Bennett, Stagg, Wiard, and Wittman were present. Staff members present included Mark Fratrack, Vanessa Chisholm, Don Schieber, Ray Keen and Dave Wallace. Dennis Romero, Village Attorney, was also present.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Stagg

Passed: 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2012 VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the May 8, 2012 Village Council meetings.

Motion: Councilor Wittman

Second: Councilor Stagg

Passed: 4-0.

V. CITIZENS FORUM

No one spoke at the citizen's forum.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chisholm reported that Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) is up 11.86% from last year. Lodgers' Tax increased 38.6% from last year. Chisholm pointed out that construction GRT continues to be responsible for half of the monthly GRT collections. The Financial reports were accepted into the minutes.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilor Wittman reported the Commission met on Monday, June 11, 2012. There was a public hearing for the approval of a conceptual plan for 6 lots in the southern portion of the Village Base area. Speaking against was Charlie Raskovics, from the St. Bernard Condos, who was concerned about new development obstructing the view from the condos. Six to eight people spoke in favor of the approval. The conceptual plan was approved by the P & Z Commission.

Wittman spoke about conditional use permits that are at least six months away. Wittman said the developer, Gary Derck, did a good job on his presentation. Fratrack stated that Don Schieber did an outstanding job with the briefing for the public hearing. The P & Z Commission's next scheduled meeting is set for Monday, July 2, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. at the Edelweiss Lodge & Spa Conference room.

B. Public Safety Committee

Councilor Bennett reported the Public Safety Committee did not meet this month. She talked about the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions that are in effect here in the Village. Bennett also spoke about the planning meetings she is chairing for the July 4th festivities. She thanked John Halley for helping with this project. The next planning will be on June 26, 2012. The next Public Safety meeting has not been scheduled.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

John Halley reported there are plans for a nine hole disc golf course in the Kachina area, with plans for an additional nine holes after approval by the Forest Service. Fratrack reported on the change of the Forest Service District Supervisor.

D. Arts and Entertainment Committee

John Halley reported there will be entertainment both weekends before and after the 4th of July. There will be a new stage at the bottom of Chairlift 1, in the area known as The Beach, where most of the entertainment will be held. Halley said there are camping facilities close by.

E. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

There was no report.

VIII. REGIONAL AND STATE REPORTS

Councilor Wiard reported on the June meetings of the Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of the Enchanted Circle and the Taos Regional Landfill Board. She spoke about other meetings in May that she attended, such as the NMML Municipal Officials Leadership Advanced Institute (MOLI), the NMML Tax Task Force, Budget Committee, and Board Meeting, all in Santa Fe. Future meetings she will attend include the NMML Tax Task Force in Albuquerque, the NMML Policy Meeting in June, the NMML Resolutions Meeting in July and the NMML Annual Conference will be in August in Las Cruces.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor King thanked Fratrack for the great article he wrote that appeared in the Taos News, regarding the good quality of the water discharged from the wastewater treatment plant. Fratrack invited concerned people to tour the plant with him. There has been no response. Mayor King said the random drawing for the Lodgers' Tax audit was held today and two lodges were chosen. The Mayor said he heard from another Mayor requesting his signature on a petition for a cause to ban illegal firearms. Fratrack asked if he could review the request prior to the Mayor signing this document.

X. STAFF REPORTS

Mark Fratrack, Village Administrator, and recently promoted in the military, wanted to thank the Village for allowing him the flexibility to perform his military duties as well as being employed as the Village Administrator. Major Mark Fratrack presented the Village Council and Mayor with a beautiful plaque which contained an American Flag flown over Afghanistan by his unit of 30 men.

Fratrick thanked Chisholm and Keen for their help with the article in the Taos News. Fratrack gave an update on the Town Site Act and Columbine Hondo Wilderness bill, the optic line trench by Kit Carson, and MAP funding for roads. Fratrack reported that he will attend a PERA Board meeting in Alamogordo on June 22. He hopes to be able to speak to the board regarding the Village employee's concerns to the changes are being made.

Dave Wallace, Director of Public Safety, reported the Questa Ranger District said the ski valley's conditions are better than in other places when it comes to dryness and wildfire danger. He reported on an EMS rescue of a 38 year old male with chest pains on Wheeler Peak.

Don Schieber talked about community development and planning updates and water line projects. The Village is advertising for bids on the installation of the chlorination station. The grants that the Village has should be available for funding the O.E. Pattison Loop to Ernie Blake Road and adding another fire hydrant as well as water lines from Lake Fork condos to O.E. Pattison. This is according to the water master plan, which connects new water lines to the old ones. Another project to consider is the sewer line on Chipmunk down Big Horn to Twining Road.

Ray Keen, Director of Public Works, reported on the need to back up the UV system. He stated the wall on Twining Road and Phoenix Switchback is almost complete.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Consideration to Approve Contract with the Village of Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce

This is the annual contract with the Chamber to provide advertising and promotional services for the Village. The budgeted amount for FY2013 is \$150,000.00

MOTION: To approve the contract with the Village of Taos Ski Valley Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Motion: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Wiard

Passed: 4-0

B. Discussion of Selection of Village Health Insurance Coverage

Fratrick presented the current health plan and compare it to five other plans. He noted that the Council did approve \$224,125 in the budget for health insurance premiums along with increasing the employee's cost for dependent coverage from 10% to 15%. If the Council agrees to go with a plan other than the current NM Self-Insurers Fund plan, Fratrack would like to consider using some of the savings to counter the out of pocket expense to the employee. For example, Fratrack said if we used \$15,000 (\$1,000 per employee) to go towards the out of pocket expenses the Village would still be saving \$30,000 compared to our current plan.

The Mayor and Council directed Fratrack to proceed with the health insurance plan that he thought was best. They agreed to use some of the difference in premiums for the employees out of pocket expenses.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS:

None

XIV. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation

MOTION: To go to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion: Councilor Wiard

Second: Councilor Wittman

Passed: 4-0.

MOTION: To return to open session. Nothing was discussed except pending litigation and no votes were taken.

Motion: Councilor Stagg

Second: Councilor Bennett

Passed: 4-0.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the Village Council will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at the Edelweiss Lodge and Spa Conference Room.

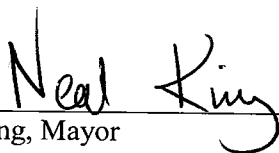
XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Councilor Bennett

Second: Councilor Wittman

Passed: 4-0.



Neal King, Mayor



Vanessa Chisholm, Village Clerk

